

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 12 and 15 by replacement as follows:

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12. (twice amended) A soil treatment process comprising adding an aqueous soil treatment composition comprising:

(a) an ionic water-soluble fertilizer in an amount of at least 10 weight percent, and

(b) a water-soluble anionic polymer with has intrinsic viscosity of at least 6 dl/g and is formed from water-soluble monomer or monomer blend of which at least 40 weight percent is anionic monomer,

to water, the composition being thereby diluted, and irrigating an area of soil with the water.

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15. (amended) A method for the production of an aqueous soil treatment composition comprising providing an aqueous solution of at least 10 wt% ionic water soluble fertilizer (a) and mixing it with polymer (b), said polymer (b) being a water soluble anionic polymer which has an intrinsic viscosity of at least 6 dl/g and is formed from water soluble monomer or monomer blend of which at least 40% is anionic monomer, in powder form.

Insert new claim 16 as follows:

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16. (new) A soil treatment process as claimed in claim 12, wherein the composition has, before dilution, a viscosity below 4000 cPs.